

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2020-225-WS - ORDER NO. 2021-321

MAY 12, 2021

IN RE: Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of	)	ORDER GRANTING
Assets and Transfer of Facilities, Territory,	)	EXTENSION
and Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity from CUC, Incorporated to South	)	
Carolina Water Utilities-CUC, Incorporated	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) on the request of South Carolina Water Utilities – CUC, Inc. (“SCWU-CUC” or “the Company”) for a ninety (90)-day extension to manually prepare and mail refund checks due to customers or handle said refunds under the South Carolina Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 27-18-10 et. seq.

By way of background, in Commission Order No. 2021-93 the Commission approved a Stipulation agreement (“Stipulation”) between the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), CUC, Inc. and South Carolina Water Utilities-CUC, Inc. The Stipulation required SCWU-CUC to issue refunds related to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”) within two billing cycles of the closing of its acquisition of CUC, Inc. See Order No. 2021-93, Exhibit No. 1, 9. The TCJA refunds were ordered by the Commission in CUC, Inc.’s last rate case. See Order No. 2020-94, Docket No. 2019-64-WS. In that Order, the Commission directed that TCJA refunds be made to “customers who were a customer during the time CUC collected the excess revenue, and .... shall be made by (a) refund check, or (b) in a one-time bill credit, or in two yearly installments. . . .” SCWU-

CUC is complying with Order No. 2020-94 in part by issuing a one-time bill credit to qualified current customers during the May 2021 billing cycle.

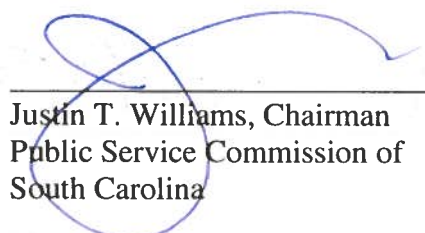
However, there are 530 past customers covered by Order No. 2020-94 who are not currently served by SCWU-CUC. The refunds for these customers range from \$2.50 to \$49.84. The Company therefore requests a ninety (90)-day extension to manually prepare and mail checks to those individuals with a known address or, in the alternative, handle the refunds of those who cannot be located according to the South Carolina Uniform Unclaimed Property Act as required by the Commission in Order No. 2020-94.

This request is reasonable, and this Commission has not received any opposition to the proposal. Accordingly, the Company is hereby granted a 90-day extension from the date of this Order to manually prepare and mail checks to those individuals with a known address who are no longer customers of the Company, or, in the alternative, to handle the refunds for those customers who cannot be located according to the South Carolina Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



  
Justin T. Williams, Chairman  
Public Service Commission of  
South Carolina